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News Advisory

From Illinois Department of Natural Resources Director Wayne Rosenthal

STATEMENT: “Today’s announcement ensures the 2016 ATA Grand American will take place at the World Shooting and Recreational Complex despite the Democratic Legislature’s failure to pass a balanced budget. The Rauner Administration is protecting this significant economic engine for Southern Illinois by ensuring this premier event will take place at the WSRC.”

BACKGROUND: IDNR is signed a MOU with ATA to ensure the largest trap shooting event in the country remains in Southern Illinois, and to give members of the ATA confidence they will have a location for their shoot. The MOU allows IDNR to negotiate with the ATA allowing them to operate the complex should the state not be able to open the facility by April 15. Governor Rauner’s proposed budget included full funding for the WSRC. We are only in this position because the legislature failed to pass a balanced budget.

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